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This instruction implements AFPD 32-70, *Environmental Quality*, and those Colorado fishing and wildlife statutes which apply to the USAF Academy's fish and wildlife program. It tells people how to administer the program and the rules that apply to fishing and hunting on Academy land, including Farish Recreation Area. This instruction applies to everyone assigned to or residing on the USAF Academy and those people authorized to fish, hunt, or trap on the Academy or its properties.

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**SUMMARY OF REVISIONS**

Restructures the content and updates office titles and symbols throughout; clarifies Bona Fide Guest (paragraph 1.1.1.1.); updates number of season permits from 2000 to 2500 and number of retiree permits from 300 to 500 (paragraph 1.4.); adds active duty military to list for eligible users and deletes residing at the AF Academy (paragraph 3.1.1.); adds retired civil service employees (paragraph 3.2.); updates fee increases from \$7.50 to \$11 and \$3.50 to \$4 (paragraph 3.3.3.); and deletes angling with only one rod (paragraph 3.4.4.1.)

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## **1. Terms Explained:**

**1.1. Bona Fide Guest.** A visitor with a permanent residence and post office address out of state who is a guest of an eligible user.

**1.2. Cadet Wing and the USAFA Preparatory School (HQ USAFA/PL) Student Guests.** Anyone accompanied by cadet or prep school student.

### **1.3. Family Members (Dependents):**

- A lawful spouse.
- Unmarried children under 21 years of age including adopted children, stepchildren, or wards (foster and preadoptive children) who depend on the sponsor for over half of their support.
- Unmarried children 21 years of age or over who depend on the sponsor for over half of their support because of mental or physical handicaps.
- Unmarried children who have not passed their 23d birthday and are enrolled in a full-time course of study at an approved institute of learning.
- Parents, including father, mother, stepparent by adoption, and parents-in-law who depend on the sponsor for over half of their support.

**1.4. Seasonal Fish Permit.** A permit allowing fishing during one season. (The fishing season runs from 1 January to 31 December each year. The Academy issues a total of 2500 seasonal permits of which 500 are for military retirees on a first-come, first-served basis.)

## **2. Administering the Fish and Wildlife Program:**

2.1. The Commander of the 10th Civil Engineer Group (10 CEG/CC) manages the USAF Academy fishery and wildlife program.

2.2. The Natural Resource Division (510 CES/CEVP) supervises daily operations and, along with Security Police (10 SPS), enforces the laws governing Academy wildlife and fishing resources.

2.3. The Colorado Division of Wildlife (DOW) and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, upon request, and dependent on available funds and manpower, provides officers to manage wildlife and enforce wildlife and fishing statutes, laws, and regulations on lands and lakes administered by the USAF Academy.

2.4. The Commander of the 10th Services Squadron (10 SVS/CC) administers the USAF Academy fishing permit stamps.

2.5. 510 CES/CEVP, 10 SPS, Farish Recreation Area (10 SVS/SVRF), Colorado DOW, and US Fish and Wildlife Service Personnel:

2.5.1. Check fishing and hunting permits.

2.5.2. Report violators to 10 SPS personnel.

2.5.3. If in violation of DOW statutes, notify 510 CES/CEVP Wildlife Law Enforcement or DOW.

2.6. Academy anglers and hunters must follow Colorado fishing and hunting statutes, this instruction, and regulatory signs posted on the Academy.

### **3. Fishing on the USAF Academy:**

**3.1. Who May Fish on the Academy** (Also see AFI 32-7064, *Integrated Natural Resources Management*):

- 3.1.1. Active duty military, cadets, and Preparatory School students and their guests.
- 3.1.2. Air Force Academy civil service, nonappropriated fund, and Army/Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) personnel (and their family members); military retirees (500) and their family members; and bona fide guests.
- 3.1.3. Individuals with special authorization from the 10th Air Base Wing Commander (10 ABW/CC) such as military and civil service retirees who have 60 percent to 100 percent disability.
- 3.1.4. Visiting and Distinguished Visiting Professors assigned to the faculty.
- 3.1.5. Registered patrons at Farish Recreation Area may purchase a temporary 1-day permit. (The Academy limits these 1-day permits to 4,000 per fiscal year.)
- 3.1.6. All other DoD employees, their family members, their bona fide guests, and Famcamp users, may purchase a 1-day permit at the Outdoor Recreation Center (10 SVS/SVRO) to fish Air Force Academy waters. (The Academy limits these 1-day permits to 2,000 per fiscal year and no more than 300 permits per month.)
- 3.1.7. Military reservists assigned to the USAF Academy and active duty military personnel on temporary duty (TDY) orders while performing their duties on the Academy. (TDY personnel must have a copy of their orders when they apply for a USAF Academy fishing permit, and they must have a copy with them while fishing.)

**3.2. Who May Not Fish on the Academy.** (This list is not all inclusive.) Private contractors, temporary employees, summer employees, retired civil service employees, School District #20 employees, and bank and credit union employees.

**3.3. How to Get an Academy Fishing Permit Stamp.** Permits for the calendar year go on sale the first week of that year. If you are an eligible person under 16 years of age, you do not need a USAF Academy fishing permit or a Colorado state fishing license; however, you are entitled to only one-half of the daily bag limit unless you do purchase both licenses. All other eligible people must do the following in order to fish at the Academy:

- 3.3.1. Get a valid State of Colorado fishing license.
- 3.3.2. Go to Outdoor Recreation or the Farish Recreation Area during operating hours.
- 3.3.3. Bring the proper form of identification (active duty, reserve, or retired identification card, TDY orders, etc.).
- 3.3.4. Pay \$11 for the annual USAF Academy fishing permit stamp or \$4 for a 1-day permit. (Fifty cents of the permit fee covers the administrative costs of selling permits.)
- 3.3.5. If you are an eligible disabled angler and have the Colorado State free license, go to 510 CES/CEVP, in building 9030, to get the USAF Academy free fishing permit stamp.

### **3.4. Rules to Follow While Fishing on the Academy:**

#### **3.4.1. Having Licenses and Sponsors With You:**

3.4.1.1. Have on your person a current State of Colorado fishing license with the USAF Academy fishing permit stamp.

3.4.1.2. If you are the guest of an Academy or Preparatory School cadet, have your sponsor with you while fishing.

3.4.1.3. If you are a family member or guest, your sponsor need not accompany you while fishing, but you must provide sponsorship information if asked by an authorized official.

#### **3.4.2. Avoiding Areas Not Open for Fishing. Do not fish in golf course ponds and nonpotable Reservoirs #1, #2, and #3.**

#### **3.4.3. Observing Daily and Seasonal Restrictions:**

3.4.3.1. You may fish day or night, unless the area is otherwise posted.

3.4.3.2. Do not fish Academy lakes, reservoirs, and streams (except for Farish Recreation Area, which is open for ice fishing) when they are frozen. The Academy posts signs closing areas to fishing when applicable.

#### **3.4.4. Taking, Killing, and Baiting Fish:**

3.4.4.1. Do not use minnow traps, seines, troutlines, or jugs.

3.4.4.2. You may take crayfish (crawdads) by hand, one baited line, trap, pot, or dip net. However, do not leave any devices overnight or unattended.

3.4.4.3. Do not keep anywhere near, release in, or use in Academy waters live fish (minnows, carp, suckers of any species, etc.) as bait.

3.4.4.4. Do not use corn for angling or chumming.

3.4.4.5. Use only artificial lures, as defined by State statute, in designated catch-and-release areas. These areas are nonpotable reservoir #4 (Goat Camp Creek), Monument Creek from the southgate bridge to the south boundary of USAFA, and Ice Lake.

#### **3.4.5. Limiting Your Catch. Take only a daily aggregate bag and possession limit of six trout, including only one fish 14 inches or over. Although Ice Lake is a catch-and-release area, you may keep one trout over 14 inches in length from this lake. Look for other special restrictions at any of the lakes or streams, which the Academy may post as conditions require.**

#### **3.4.6. Conducting Yourself Around and In Academy Waters:**

3.4.6.1. Do not clean fish at lakes or streams unless fish cleaning facilities are available.

3.4.6.2. Do not swim in or use private boats, rafts, other floating devices of any kind on USAF Academy lakes, reservoirs, or streams with the exception of rental paddle boats at Farish. No fishing is allowed from the paddle boats.

3.4.6.3. Park your vehicles only in designated areas.

3.4.6.4. Do not camp overnight at lakes or streams unless the area is specifically designated a camp area (Farish).

**4. Hunting, Trapping, and Handling Wildlife on the USAF Academy.** The USAF Academy does not approve of or practice killing wildlife indiscriminately. Anyone wishing to take protected nongame, game, and certain individual wildlife problem animals (deer, black bear, mountain lion, bobcat, and coyote) must get specific authorization from 510 CES/CEVP. In turn, 510 CES/CEVP requests special authorization from the Colorado DOW or the US Fish and Wildlife Service to take and dispose of protected nongame, deer, black bear, and mountain lion.

**4.1. Hunting Wildlife:**

4.1.1. The USAF Academy Superintendent (HQ USAFA/CC) or the Superintendent's designated representative approves, in writing, a hunting season on the USAF Academy and Farish Recreation Area.

4.1.2. If you hunt on the USAF Academy, you must have both the appropriate state or federal license or permit and a USAF Academy permit.

4.1.3. Hunt according to safety requirements, approved wildlife management objectives and plans, and state and federal wildlife laws.

**4.2. How to Get an Academy Hunting Permit.** Information on how to obtain Academy deer hunting permit and a Colorado Division of Wildlife Deer License is published each spring in the Colorado Division of Wildlife Hunting Season Information Brochure.

**4.3. Trapping Wildlife.** Do not trap wildlife on the Academy unless the 510 CES/CEVP has coordinated it with the Colorado DOW and approved it in writing.

**4.4. Filling Requirements to Handle or Dispose of Wildlife.** Each organization that disposes of or handles any wildlife must:

4.4.1. Get the appropriate federal and state permits.

4.4.2. Maintain a log that contains dates of activities, species involved, cause of death, person disposing of animal, and method of disposal.

4.4.3. Forward a copy of the log to 510 CES/CEVP at the end of each month. 10 SPS forwards reports involving wildlife and other natural resources to 510 CES/CEVP as appropriate.

4.4.4. Some wildlife is salvageable under Colorado law. Individuals desiring to salvage wildlife must obtain a salvage permit from 510 ES/CEVP or the Colorado DOW within 48 hours after the animal is removed from the kill site. No wildlife or parts will be salvaged by Academy employees on duty time.

**4.5. Handling Injured or Dead Wildlife Involved in a Vehicle Accident.** If you are in a vehicle accident that injures or kills wildlife, report the fact to the 10 SPS, who report it directly to 510 CES/CEVP during duty hours or Eagle Zone Two (10 CES/CEOVE) during nonduty hours.

4.5.1. 10 SPS Personnel:

4.5.1.1. Dispatch animals that are injured to the point that it is unlikely they will survive. The officer on the scene must decide whether to destroy the animal and select the appropriate method.

4.5.1.2. Move dead animals off the road, away from traffic.

4.5.1.3. Report dead animals to 510 CES/CEVP.

4.5.1.4. Give injured wildlife that appear to have a reasonable chance of survival the opportunity to recover on their own in the wild.

4.5.1.5. For injured animals that leave the area, notify Pest Management (10 CES/CEOHHE), who notifies 510 CES/CEVP immediately during duty hours or the next workday after duty hours.

**4.5.2. 510 CES/CEVP:**

4.5.2.1. Removes dead animals from the roadside and decides where the carcasses are placed. If 510 CES/CEVP is unavailable, 10 CES/CEOHHE responds.

4.5.2.2. Searches the vicinity of a vehicle accident involving wildlife to determine if the animal has died or if it survived the accident.

4.5.2.3. Maintains a current log and map of deer-vehicle accidents.

**4.6. Reporting and Controlling Potentially Dangerous/Nuisance Wildlife:**

4.6.1. Report rattlesnakes, black bear, mountain lion, injured deer, or unusual wildlife to 510 CES/CEVP as soon as practical during duty hours. After duty hours, contact 10 CES/CEOFE (Ext 3-2790). 510 CES/CEVP maintains records of the sightings.

4.6.2. The Academy does not destroy wildlife that is not a threat to human safety. Instead, it captures and relocates it or turns it over to the Colorado DOW.

4.6.3. Dispose of poisonous snakes according to Colorado DOW guidance.

4.6.4. Do not kill nonpoisonous snakes; instead, relocate them to wildland areas away from populated areas.

4.6.5. Birds, along with their nests, eggs, feathers, and body parts, are protected by federal and state laws and will not be removed without 510/CEVP approval.

**4.7. Conducting Wildlife Control Projects:**

4.7.1. Conduct these projects only with 510 CES/CEVP approval and one of the following:

- A letter of authority from the Colorado DOW approving the project or action.
- Direct supervision of the project or action by Colorado DOW personnel.

4.7.2. 510 CES/CEVP notifies 10 SPS of the time, place, and circumstances of the wildlife control projects.

**4.8. Avoiding Poisons, Feeding, and Target Shooting:**

4.8.1. Do not use poisons for wildlife control except with special written permission from 510 CES/CEVP.

4.8.2. Do not feed any animals or place salt blocks or other attractants for large mammals (deer) and rodents unless you do so within the scope of the approved Fish and Wildlife Management Plan. (Also see applicable Colorado DOW regulations.)

4.8.3. Do not target shoot in the undeveloped areas of the USAF Academy.

**5. Controlling Domestic Pets:**

- 5.1. Keep domestic pets (normally dogs and cats) on a leash and under control at the Academy's fishing lakes and streams. Do not allow your dogs in the water when waterfowl or anglers are present. Do not ride horses near or in fishing lakes.
- 5.2. It is unlawful for any persons to knowingly or negligently allow or direct a dog which is under their control to harass wildlife, whether or not the wildlife is actually injured by such dog. (See Colorado DOW statute 33-6-128)
- 5.3. Report pets in violation of this instruction to 10 SPS, who act as necessary to enforce this instruction.

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